

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



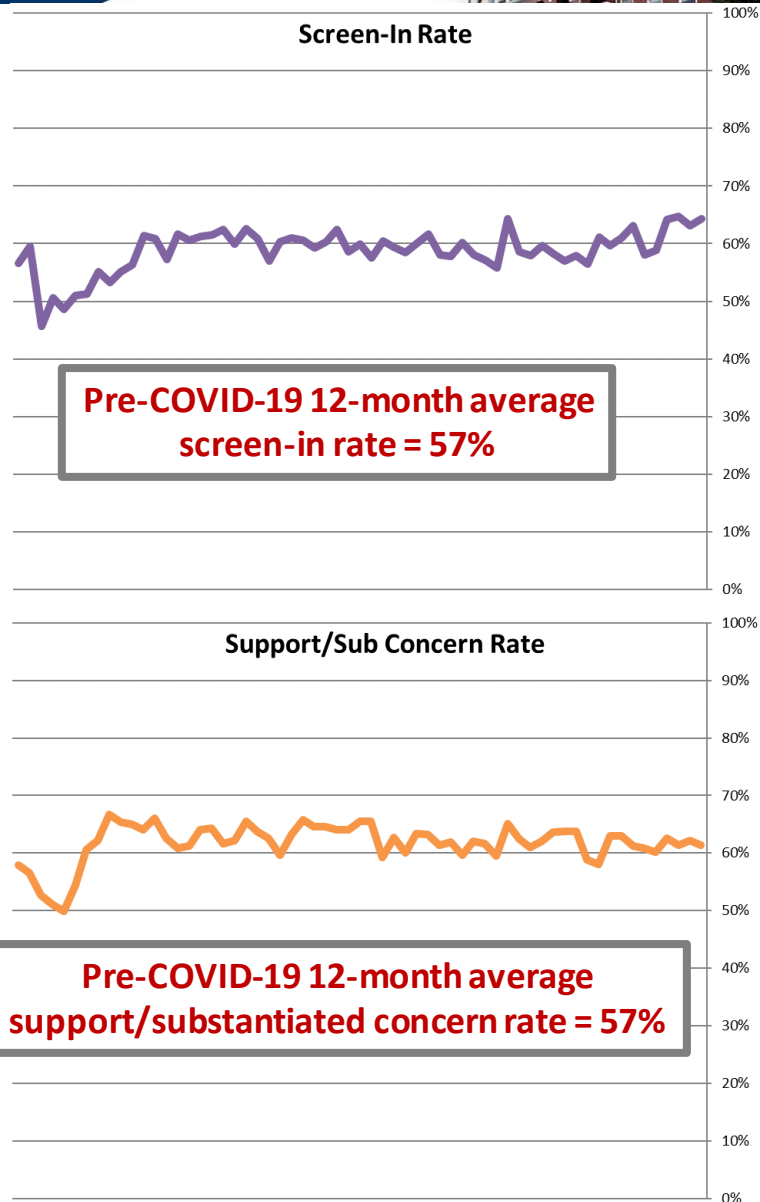
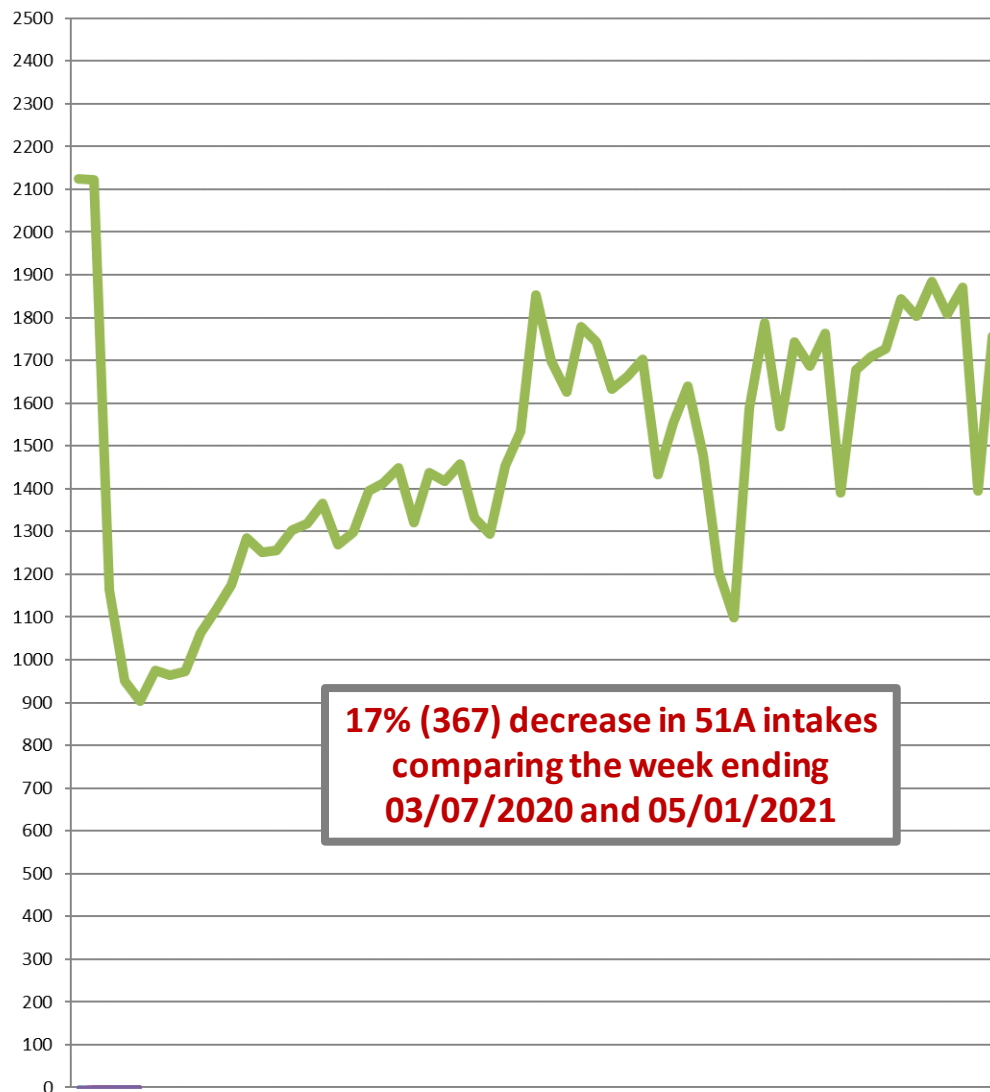
## Department of Children and Families – Agency Update

*April 30, 2021*



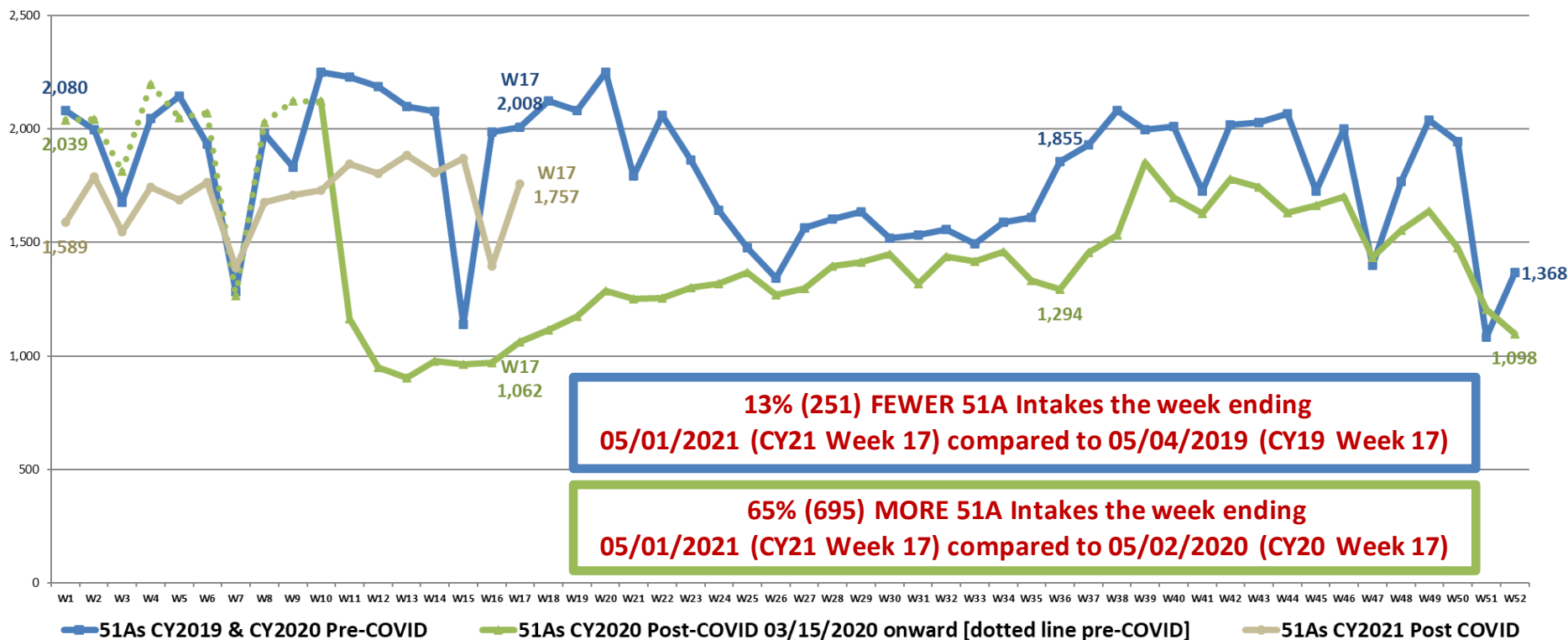
# 51A Intakes Pre vs Post COVID-19

## 03/01/2020 to 05/01/2021 (61 weeks)





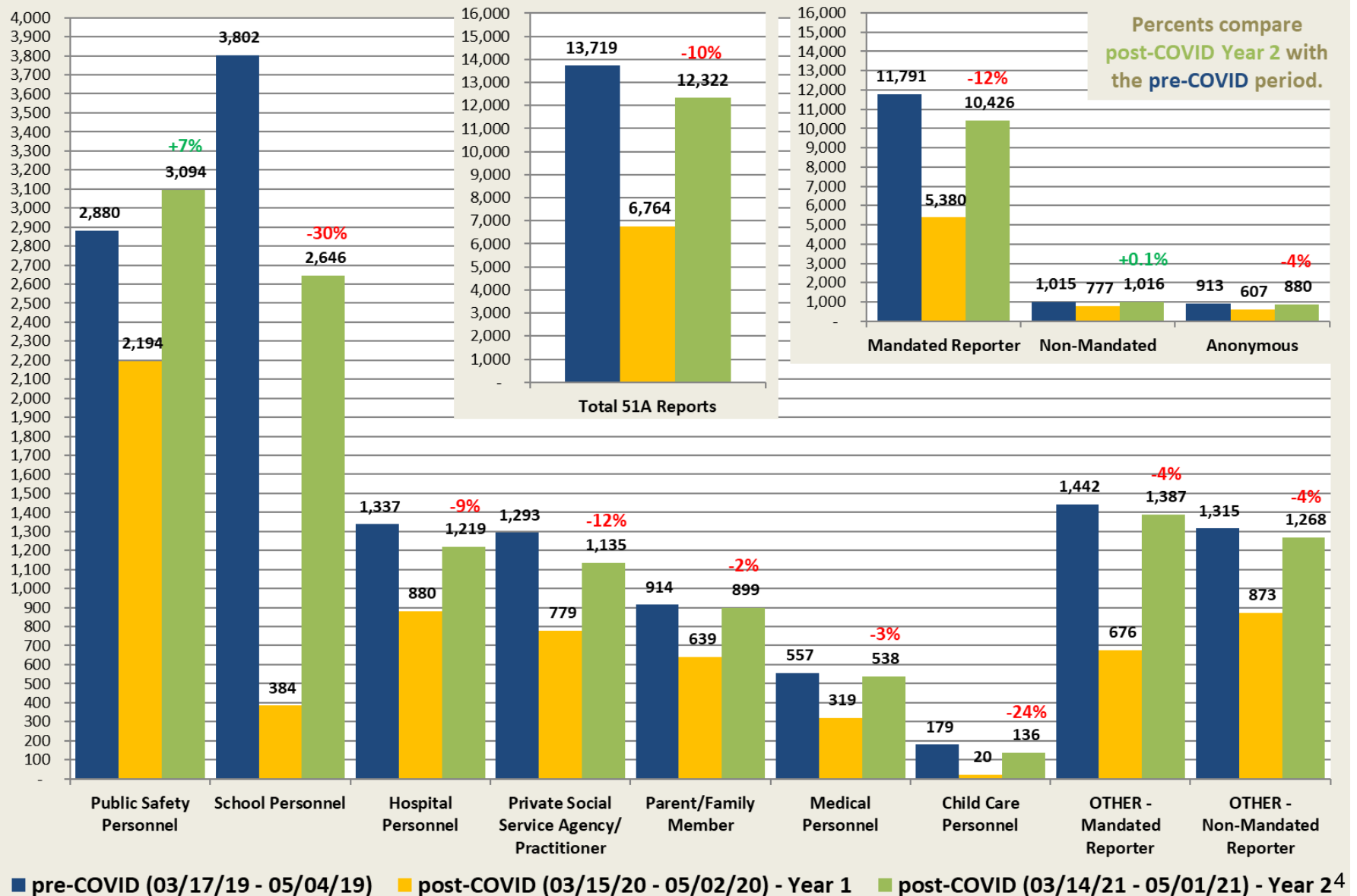
# 51A Intakes Pre vs Post COVID-19 Comparing CY2019, CY2020, and CY2021



- While 51A Intake counts post COVID-19 remain lower than corresponding report rates pre COVID-19, counts show signs of convergence in CY2021.



# 7-Week Comparison Period: 51As are within 10% of the pre-COVID period

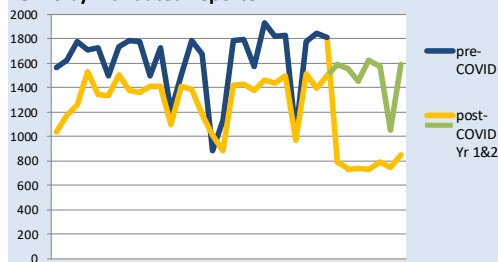




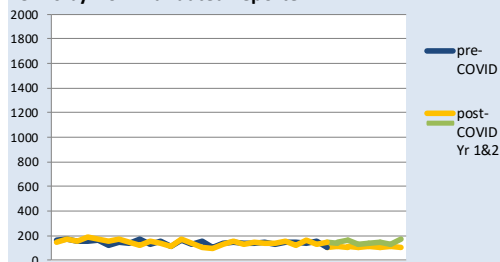
# 51As by Reporter Type and Source - School Year 2019-20 compared to 2020-21 (34-weeks ending 05/01/2021)



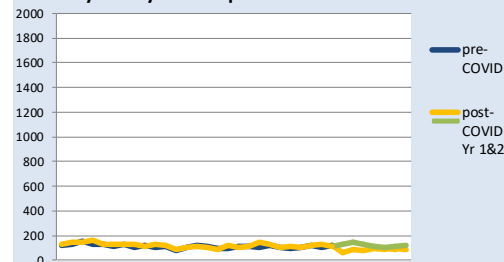
### 51As by Mandated Reporter



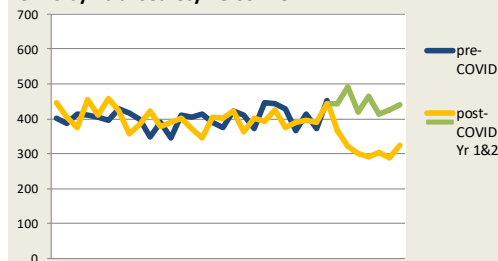
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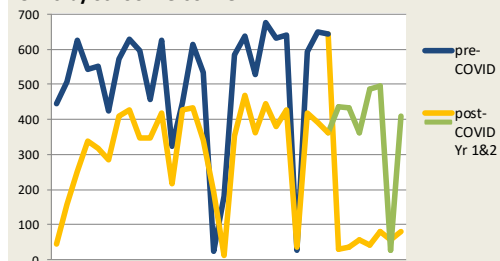
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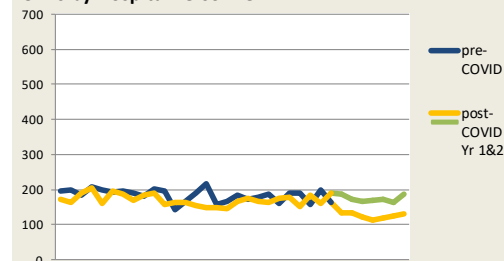
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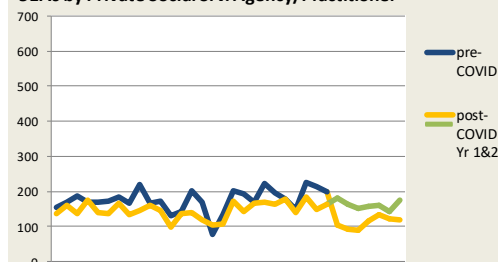
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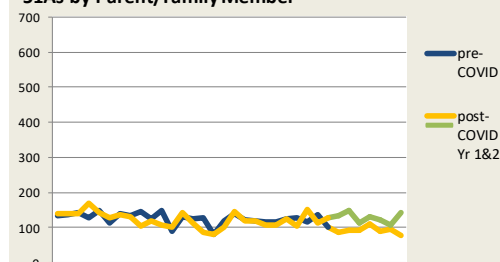
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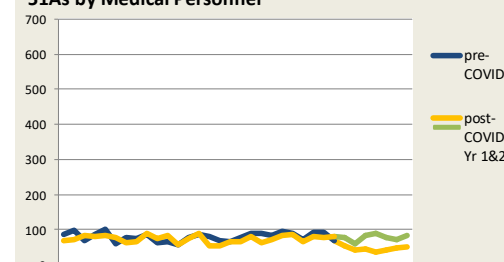
### 51As by Private Social Srv. Agency/Practitioner



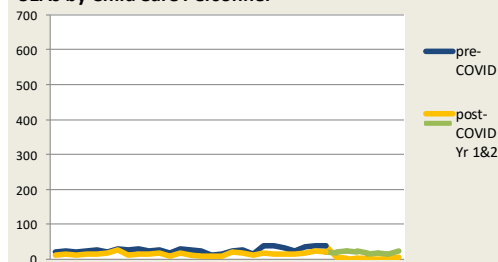
### 51As by Parent/Family Member



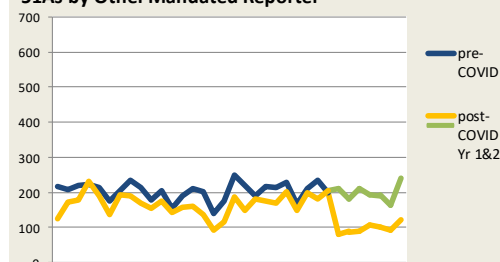
### 51As by Medical Personnel



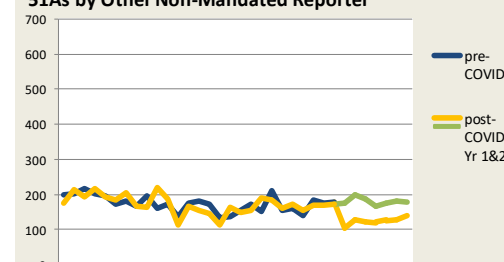
### 51As by Child Care Personnel



### 51As by Other Mandated Reporter



### 51As by Other Non-Mandated Reporter



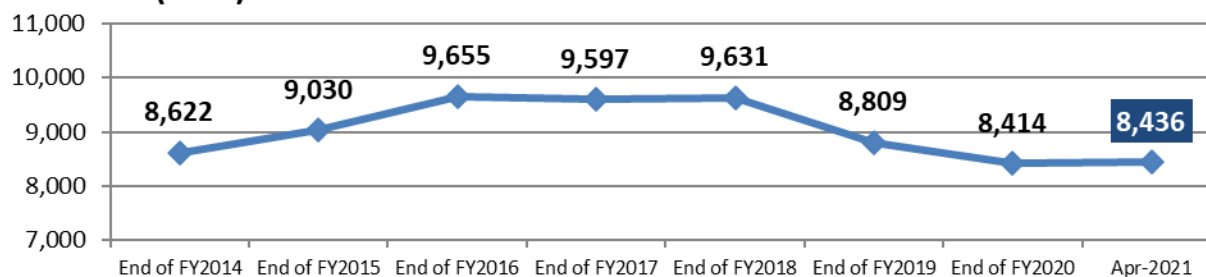


# Children (0-17) in DCF Placement

## All Placement Types



### Children (0-17) in Placement



- The number of children in DCF placement at fiscal year-end decreased by 9% (-822) from FY18-19, and by 4% (-395) from FY19-20.
- As of 4/30/2021, the placement count is 0.3% (22) more than the count at the end of FY20.

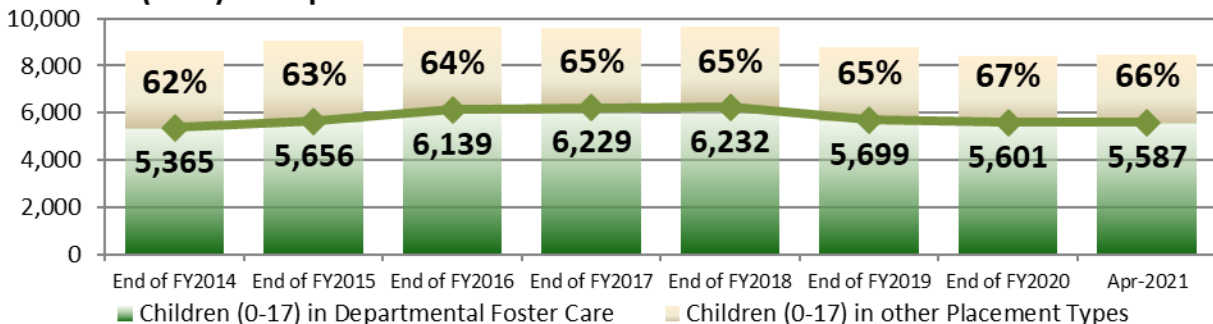


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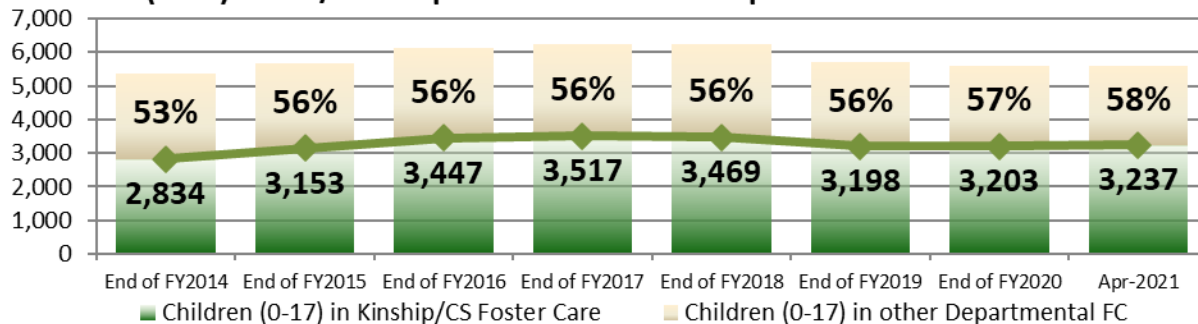
## Departmental FC: Non-Kinship and Kin/Child Specific



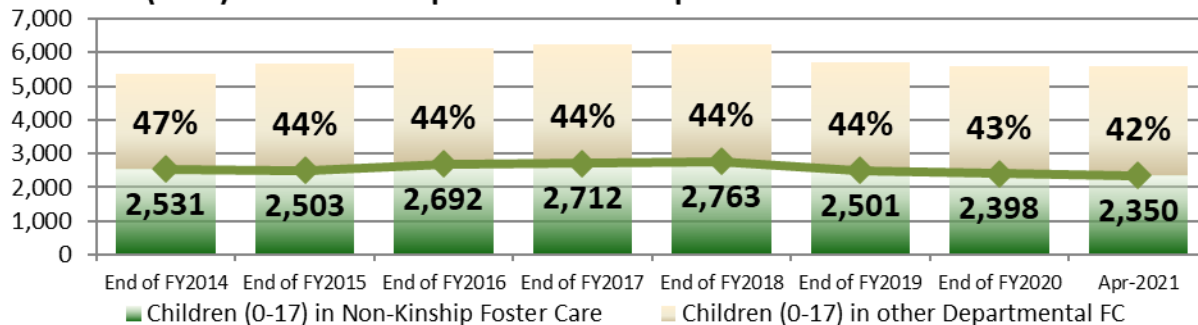
**Children (0-17) in Departmental FC as a % of All Placements**



**Children (0-17) in Kin/Child Specific FC as a % of Departmental FC**



**Children (0-17) in Non-Kinship FC as a % of Departmental FC**



- As of 4/30/2021, there were 5,587 children placed in a family setting (i.e., Departmental Foster Care).
- While the overall number of children in DCF placement has decreased, the proportion placed in Departmental Foster Care (DFC) has increased to 66-67%.
- As of 4/30/2021, there were 3,237 children placed in a Kinship/Child Specific Departmental FC family setting.
- Recognizing that children/youth experience fewer placement disruptions and achieve greater well-being when placed with kin, the Department has increased the proportion of children placed with kin to 58% of all Departmental FC.
- As of 4/30/2021, there were 2,350 children placed in a Non-Kinship Departmental FC family setting.
- As a proportion of children placed in Departmental FC, 42% are living in a non-kin family setting.



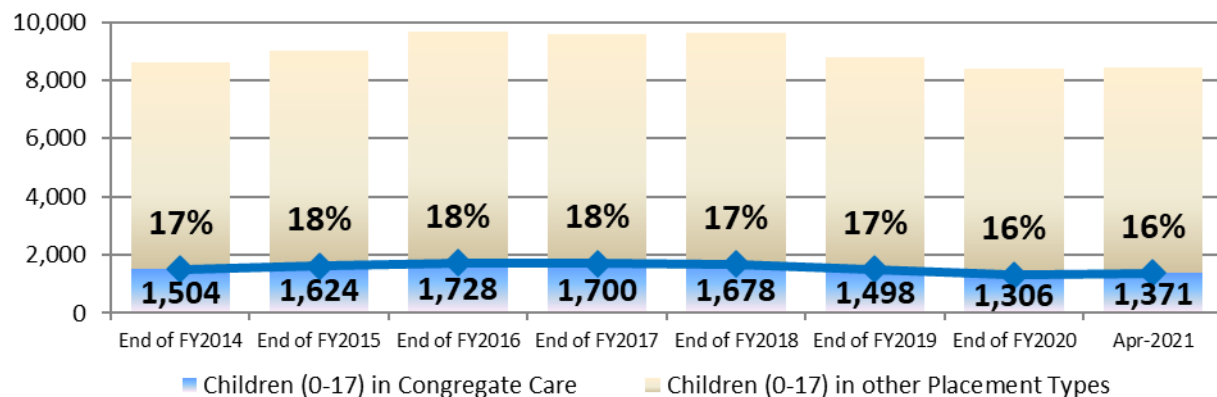


# Children in DCF Placement

## Congregate Care and Comprehensive Foster Care

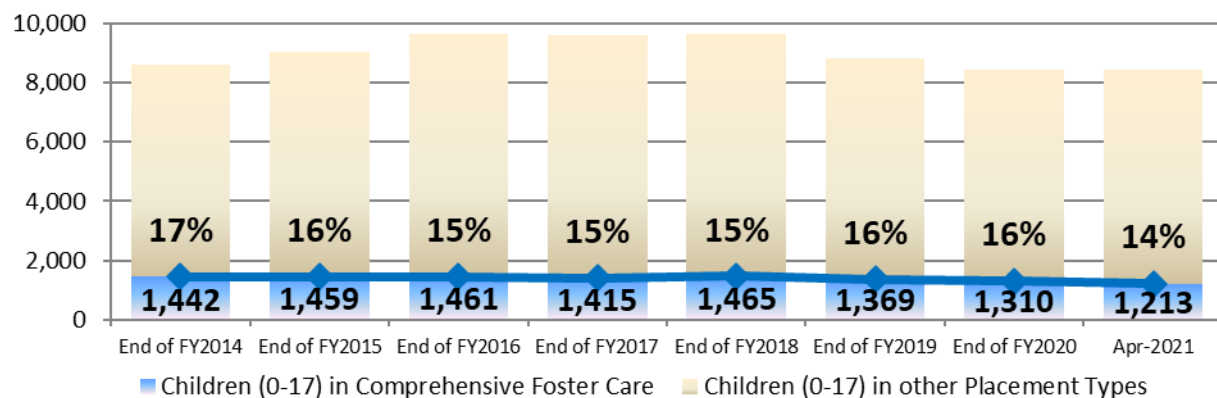


### Children (0-17) in Congregate Care as a % of All Placements



- As of 4/30/2021, there were 1,371 children placed in Congregate Care.
- Congregate Care represents 16% of all placement utilization.

### Children (0-17) in Comprehensive FC as a % of All Placements



- As of 4/30/2021, there were 1,213 children placed in Comprehensive Foster Care.
- Comprehensive Foster Care now represents 14% of all placement utilization.

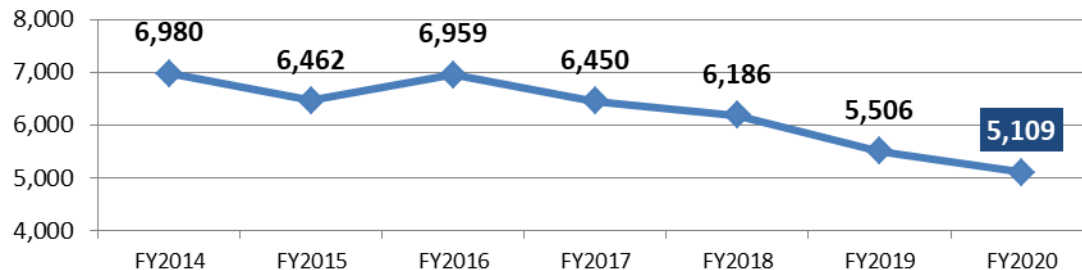
- *These contracted, intensive foster care services are generally provided for children/youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not suitable or sufficiently supportive.*





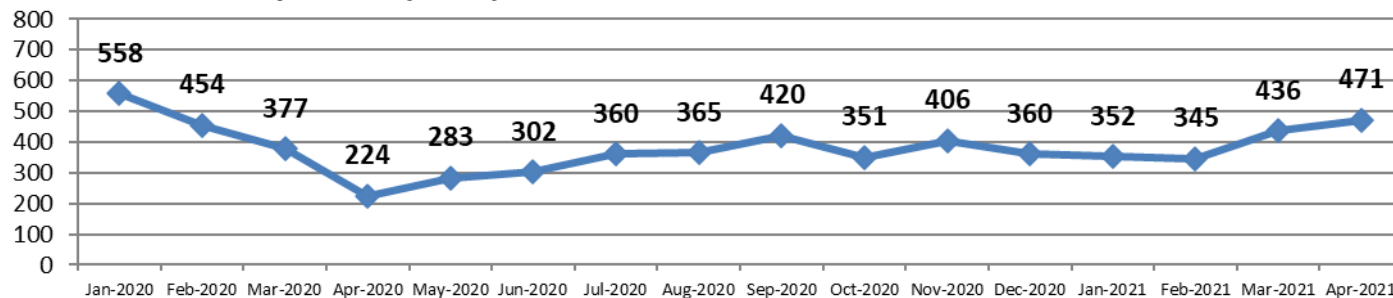
# Home Removal Episodes

## Home Removal Episodes (HREs)



- Home Removal Episodes (HREs) decreased by 27% (-1,871) between FY14 & FY20.
- Based on 10 months of HREs, a preliminary projection for FY21 suggests a minimum of 4,639 HREs.

## Home Removal Episodes (HREs) CY2020 and CY2021-YTD

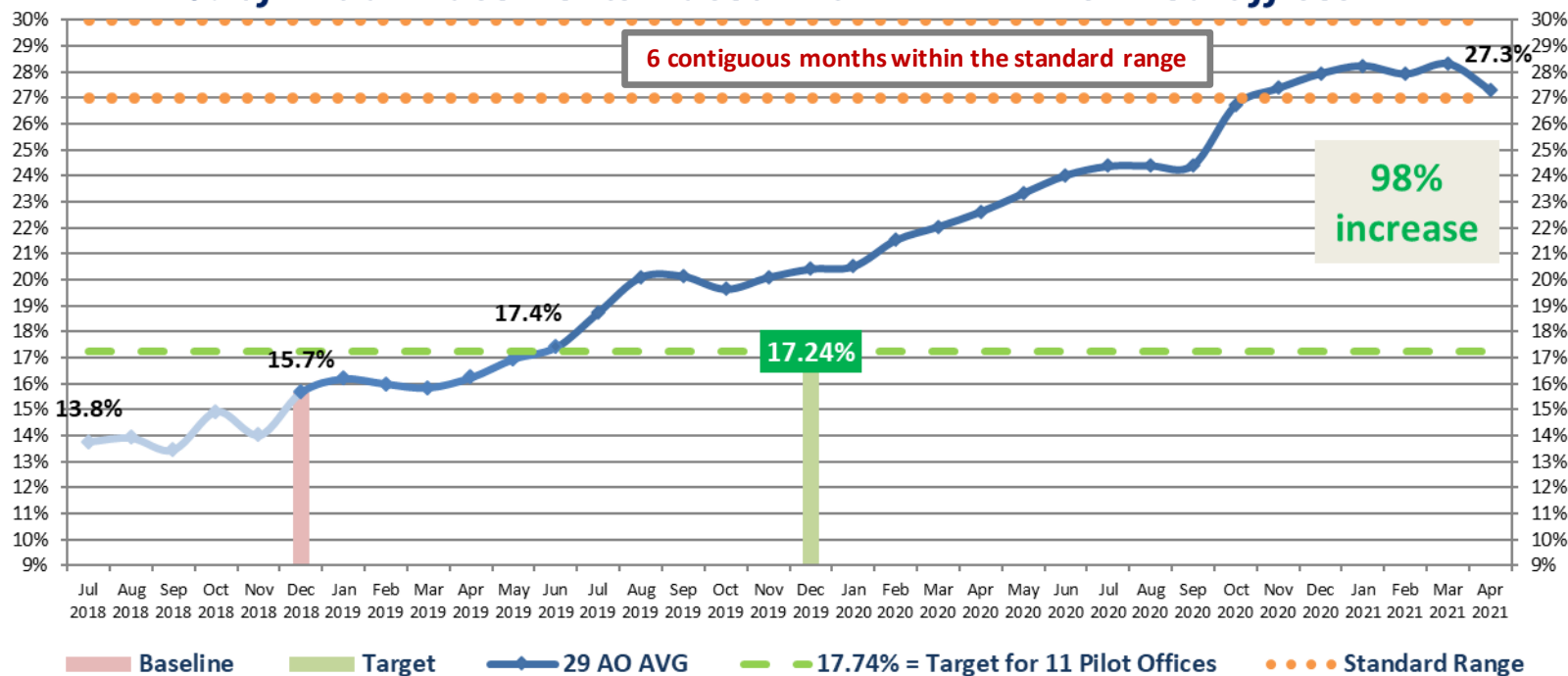




# Initial Placement with Kin Kin-First



## % of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - ALL 29 Area Offices



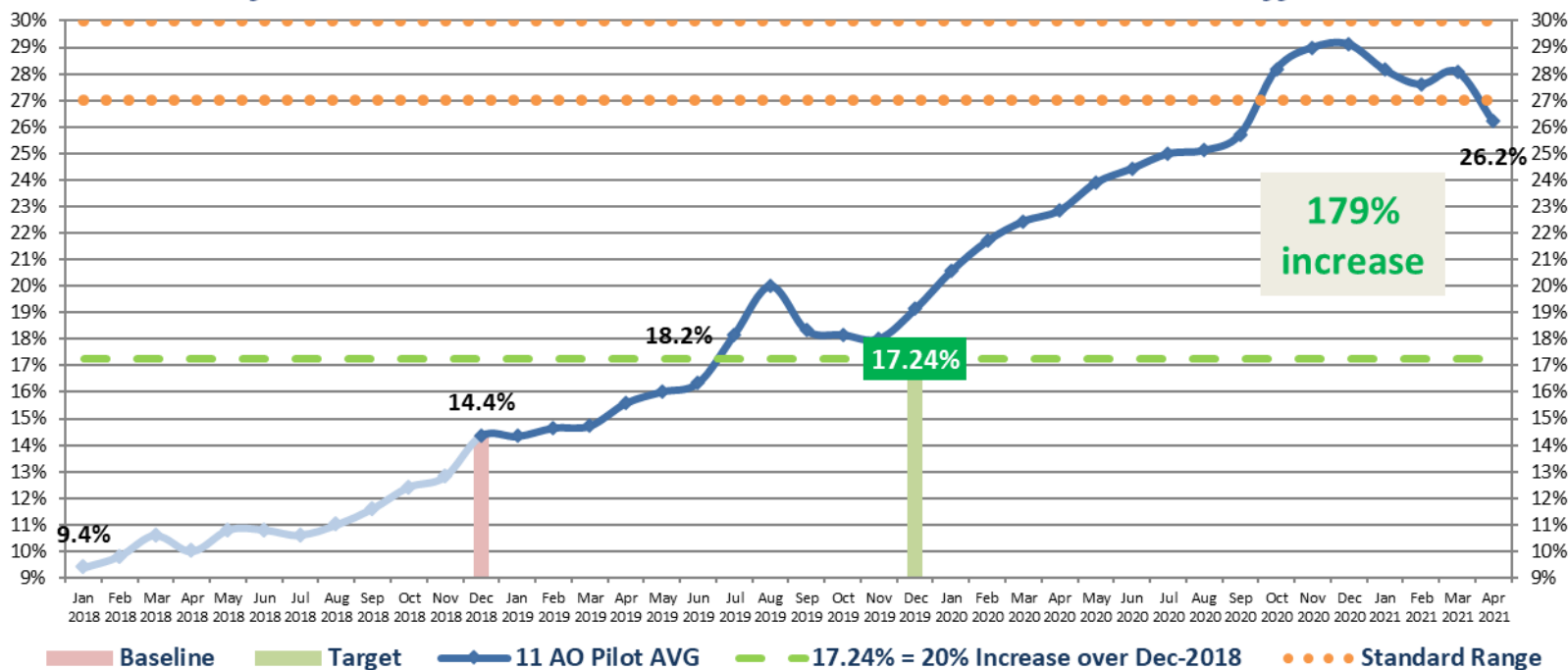
- Extending the Kin-First metric across all 29 area offices, a 98% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jul-2018 to Apr-2021.
- While no statewide target was established, at 27.3% the Apr-2021 statewide performance exceeds the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices, and within the 27-30% standard range.
- Kin placements account for 40% of all out-of-home placements; and 59% of all Departmental Foster Care placements.



# Initial Placement with Kin Kin-First Pilot



## % of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - 11 Pilot Area Offices

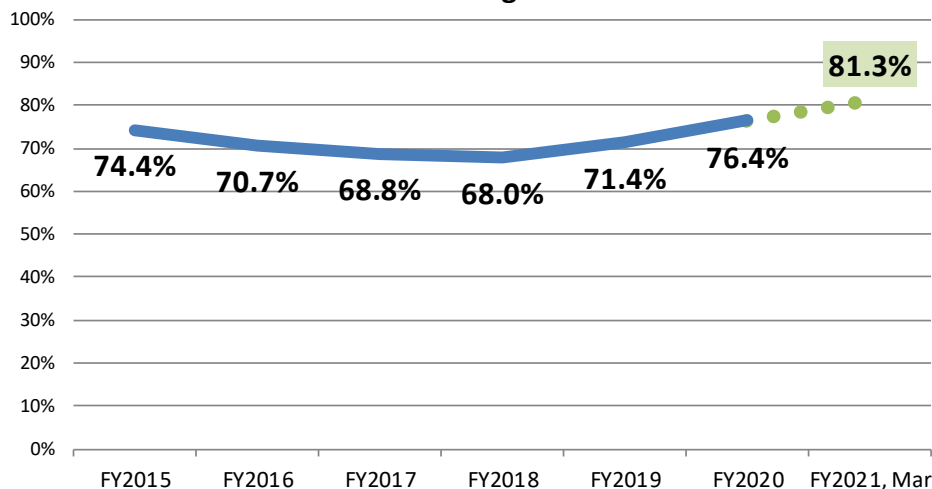


- A 179% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jan-2018 to Apr-2021.
- At 26.2%, the Apr-2021 performance exceeds the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices.



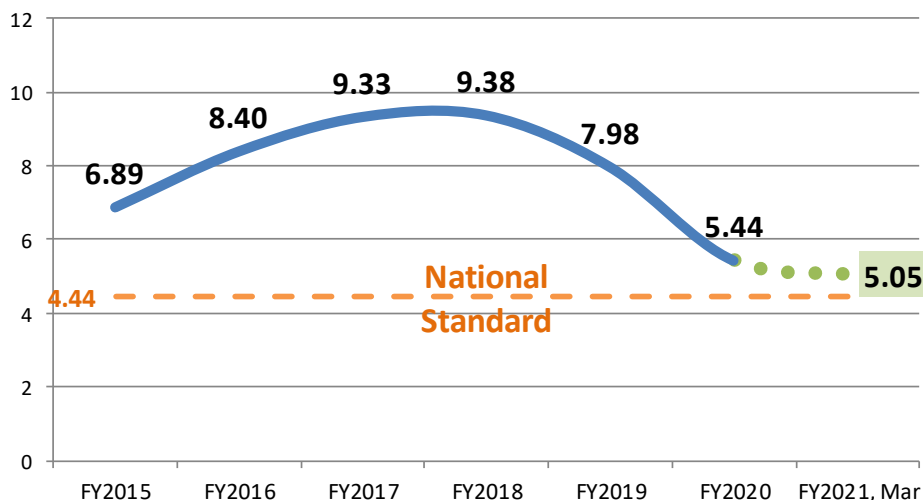
# Placement Stability

**Percent of Children (0-17) In Placement Less Than 12-Months with Two or Fewer Placement Settings - CFSR-r2**



- Compared to FY2018 (68.0%), 20% more children experienced placement stability in the 12-month period ending FY2021, Mar (81.3%).

**Placement Moves per 1,000 Placement Days - CFSR-r3**



- Placement stability in the 12-month period ending FY2021, Mar (5.05) as measured by moves per 1,000 placement days improved by a significant 46% relative to FY2018 (9.38).



# Case Closing Trend Pre vs Post COVID-19 Accounting for Seasonality



## CASE CLOSING TREND

Pre vs Post COVID-19

(7 week intervals)

